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It is very pleasant to be able to congratulate Professor Joseph Henry Beale, A.M., LL.B., LL.D., who succeeds Professor Gray as Royall Professor of Law; Professor Roscoe Pound, Ph.D., LL.M., who has been appointed to the Carter Professorship of General Jurisprudence left vacant by Professor Beale; Professor Edward Warren, A.M., LL.B., who will now occupy the chair of Story Professor of Law, succeeding Professor Pound; and Professor Joseph Warren, A.B., LL.B., who has been appointed Professor of Law.

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THE AMES COMPETITION. — Twenty-four law clubs have entered the competition this year. The rules governing the elimination tournament are substantially the same as in preceding years. Instead of money prizes, law books will hereafter be given to the successful clubs. An additional prize is offered for the best brief submitted in the competition. First and second prizes were won last year by the Beale and the Wyman Clubs respectively. It has been decided to change the rules of the competition next year, the purpose being to stimulate still more the interest in the work of the second-year clubs. The competition will extend over two years instead of being concluded in one. Each second-year club entering will meet a certain number of other clubs, and a limited number having the best record will argue the final rounds in the third year. The rules for next year will be announced later in more detail. The Board of Student Advisers who have charge of the competition this year is composed of Harvey H. Bundy, Chairman, Albert M. Cristy, Joseph J. Daniels, C. Pascal Franchot, George K. Gardner, Herbert F. Goodrich, John S. Miller, Jr., Herman E. Riddell.

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THE LORD HIGH CHANCELLOR AND THE GREAT SEAL. — In order to attend the meeting of the American Bar Association in Montreal, Lord Haldane, the Lord High Chancellor of England, had to put the Great Seal in commission. This consists in the appointment of three commissioners who are entrusted for the time being with the actual custody of the Seal and some of the important duties of the Chancellor. The placing of the Seal in commission was not a new thing. But the fact that Lord Haldane did this and at the same time retained his position as Lord High Chancellor did constitute an innovation. Never before apparently has the *Clavis Regni* been put in commission by a chancellor who continued in office. Lord Haldane has therefore established a precedent. Unlike his predecessors Wolsey and Brougham, his departure from tradition has been fully approved and commended by the King.

The custody of the Great Seal and of the king's conscience has seemed such an important function in England in times gone by that down to 1830 no chancellor, with the exception of Cardinal Wolsey, ever dared to leave the kingdom during his tenure of office. In fact, as Lord Haldane pointed out in his address at Montreal, Cardinal Wolsey almost lost his head for an unpermitted journey to Calais. In 1830 Lord Brougham took his place on the woolsack, and a year or two later aroused much